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NEW FROM DC -- DIGEST MAGAZINES!

DC inaugurates a new line of comics in June, in a new format, at a new price!

We're talking about our new "Blue Ribbon" Digest Comics -- a full line of super-hero, western, and war titles in digest-sized editions. Each DC Digest Comic features 96 pages of story and art plus specially-commissioned process color front and back covers by some of the finest artists available -- 100 pages in all -- with no ads!

Leading off the line is THE BEST OF DC #1 starring Superman. Senior Editor Julius Schwartz edited this special collection of the finest Superman stories of the past 25 years. Featured in the first edition of THE BEST OF DC are: "The Army of Tomorrow" by Elliot Maggin, Curt Swan and Murphy Anderson from SUPERMAN #265 (July, 1973), "The Midnight Murder Show" by Cary Bates, Swan and Kurt Schaffenberger from ACTION COMICS #442 (Dec., 1974), "Superman Under The Red Sun" with art by Al Plastino from ACTION COMICS #300 (May, 1963), the classic Imaginary Tale, "The Death of Superman" by Jerry Siegel, Swan and George Klein from SUPERMAN #149 (Nov., 1961), and "The Adventures of Mental-Man" with art by Wayne Boring from ACTION #196 (Sept., 1954).

Also included in this special Superman edition of THE BEST OF DC are features on Superman's costume, Superman's Rogues' Gallery, and Clark Kent's clothes.

Released simultaneously with THE BEST

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OF DC #1 will be the first issue of JONAH HEX WESTERN TALES, an all-star collection of DC westerns from the 1970s (see "Odd Items, Noteworthy News" on page 3.)

The first bi-monthly issue of THE BEST OF DC goes on sale June 7th.

NEW WAR DOLLAR COMIC READY FOR JUNE DEBUT!

DC expands its successful war comics line in June with ALL-OUT WAR #1, an all-new Dollar Comic featuring three brand-new series, all of them from the fertile mind of top DC war writer Robert Kanigher!

For ALL-OUT WAR #1, Kanigher (whose successes include Sgt. Rock, Enemy Ace, The Haunted Tank, The Losers, and many others) has gone all out to create... The Viking Commando ... Brother With Wings ... and Force Three!

"D-Day For A Viking" reveals the origin of The Viking Commando, a noble Nordic warrior thrust into a 20th Century war of guns, tanks, and planes armed only with an iron ax, a primitive knife, and a "heart bursting with battle." Script by Kanigher, art by George Evans.

Jeb Stuart and The Haunted Tank crew guest-star in "Brother With Wings," the story of Lt. Cassius Bannister and his all-black squadron of P-38 fighter pilots who battle the forces of Axis aggression in the sky and the forces of racial prejudice on the ground. Script by Kanigher, art by Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal.

Rounding out Kanigher's creations for ALL-OUT WAR is Force Three, a small band of vengeance-crazed guerrilla fighters who take on only the deadliest missions behind Nazi lines. "Funeral March For A Guerrilla Fighter" reveals the origin of Force Three in this story by Kanigher, drawn by Jerry Grandenetti.

Also in ALL-OUT WAR #1: Gunner and Sarge with Pooch, their four-footed ally, star in "Cardboard Marine" by Evan Douglas and E.R. Cruz, and "To Honor The Hero" details the strange odyssey of a football-hero-turned-soldier and his prison camp run against death in a gripping story by J.M. DeMatteis, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal.

Murray Boltinoff (editor of the hugely successful G.I. COMBAT) edits, and premiere DC war artist Joe Kubert provides a searing combat cover for ALL-OUT WAR #1 when it goes on sale June 7th!

FOUR FAN FAVORITES STAR IN ADVENTURE #465!

The latest issue of ADVENTURE COMICS, DC's fan-favorite Dollar Comic, headlines four popular super-series starring The Flash, Aquaman, Deadman, and The Justice Society of America!

What does "Klikk -- Faaa -- Faaa -- Whrrr" mean? That's the telepathic message The Flash must decode if he is to discover "Who is Invading Central City" in the lead story for ADVENTURE COMICS #465! Cary Bates, Don Heck and Joe Giella provide the story and art for this super-speed puzzler.

Then the living death of Boston Brand continues as Deadman becomes involved with a predatory criminal mob extorting money from struggling storekeepers in "Brick Battleground" by the team of Len Wein, Jose Luis Garcia Lopez and Dick Giordano.

The Justice Society of America races the clock to save the citizens of Gotham City from an agonizing death from one of the most virulent poisons known to man! Paul Levitz, Joe Staton and Dave Hunt provide the action as a capsule of the deadly chemical disappears from the research lab of Gotham Hospital and falls into the hands of a vicious criminal gang! Can the teamwork of The Flash, Green Lantern, Hawkman, Dr. Fate, Power Girl, and The Huntress track down the poison in the scant two hours before it is released upon an unsuspecting population? Or will the "Countdown To Disaster" live up to its name and wipe out an entire city?

Finally, Aquaman discovers a hidden Antarctic base of scientifically-advanced Nazis who offer to share the secrets of their research with Atlantis in return for the opportunity to study the Sea King's people. Is it just a simple exchange of knowledge -- or something more sinister? Bob Rozakis, Don Newton and Dan Adkins reveal the answers in "Ice Pact."

Edited by Ross Andru and with cover art by Jim Aparo, ADVENTURE COMICS #465 goes on sale June 21st!

DC COMICS PRESENTS SUPERMAN AND LSH!

An alien criminal steals an experimental super-laser to use against The Legion of Super-Heroes! But when he discovers that no Earth-made lens can focus its destructive energy beam, he travels through time to the 20th Century for "The Super-Spectacles Swipe!"

In Smallville, he manages to steal the eyeglasses which Superboy uses in his Clark Kent identity -- eyeglasses with lenses made from invulnerable Kryptonian plastic!

Only a return to Krypton before its destruction can provide Cosmic Boy, Wildfire, Shrinking Violet, Shadow Lass, and Superboy with the one slim chance of repelling the alien!

With time running out for Krypton and for the safety of 30th Century Earth, the Legionnaires face a double-edged death-threat which even their combined power cannot overcome! Gerry Conway, Joe Staton and Dave Hunt team up with editor Jack C. Harris to present this time-and-space spanning saga of cosmic excitement and suspense in SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #255.

With a cover by Dick Giordano, SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES #255 goes on sale June 21st!

ODD ITEMS, NOTEWORTHY NEWS

Due to an unfortunate scheduling mix-up, the Jonah Hex story, "Night Of The Savage," by Michael Fleisher and E.R. Cruz which we reported last month as slated for JONAH HEX #27 will actually appear in JONAH HEX #28, which goes on sale in June. JONAH HEX #27 will contain "The Wooden Sixgun" by Fleisher and Vicente Alcazar.

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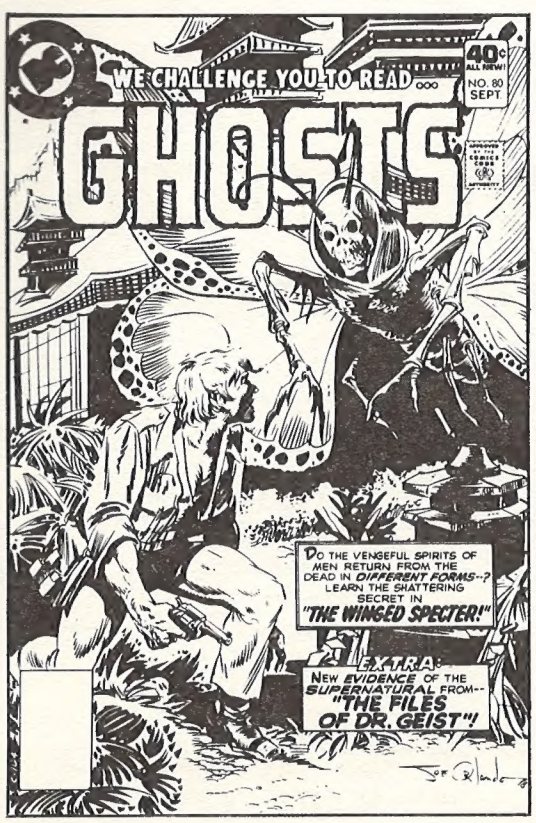
FIRST HEX DIGEST, LAST KRYPTON

The second of DC's new Digest Comics also goes on sale in June with a cream-of-the-crop selection of the best Western adventures from the pages of WEIRD WESTERN TALES (originally ALL-STAR WESTERN), starring DC's most popular gunslinger, Jonah Hex! Hex stars in "The Hundred Dollar Deal" by John Albano and Tony DeZuniga from ALL-STAR WESTERN #11 and a two-parter from WEIRD WESTERN #23 and 24: "The Point Pyrrhus Massacre" written by Michael Fleisher and Russell Carley, drawn by DeZuniga, and "The Point Pyrrhus Aftermath" written by Fleisher and Carley, drawn by Noly Panaligan. Billy the Kid stars in "Bullet For A Gambler" by Albano and DeZuniga from ALL-STAR WESTERN #7. El Diablo stars in "Night Of The Living Dead" by Cary Bates and Neal Adams from WEIRD WESTERN #13. And the origin of Scalphunter is recounted by Fleisher, Dick Ayers and George Evans in his first adventure from WEIRD WESTERN #39. JONAH HEX WESTERN TALES #1 sports specially-commissioned front and back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SUPERBOY
AND THE
LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES
40¢ ALL NEW!
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THE BOY OF STEEL RACES TO THE FUTURE...
...WHILE THE GALLANT LEGIONNAIRES SPEED TO THE PAST--!
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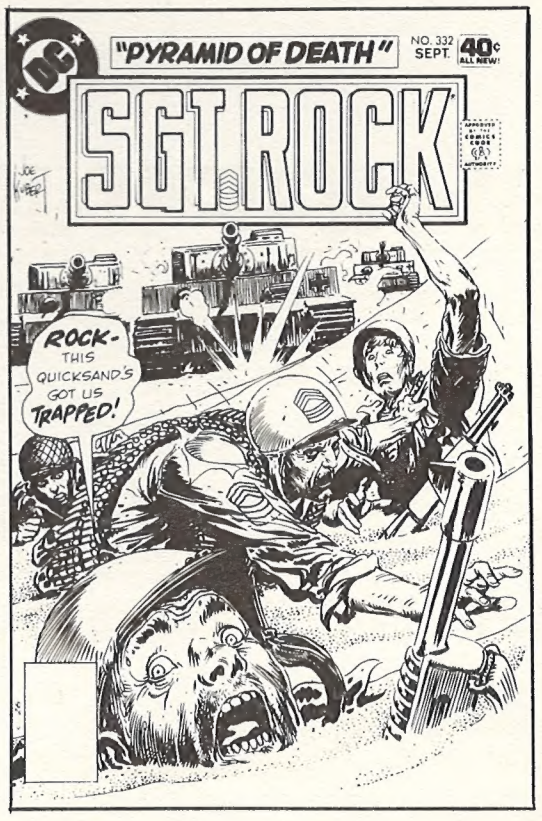

cover paintings by Luis Dominguez.... WORLD OF KRYPTON ends its three-issue run with "The Last Days of Krypton" by Paul Kupperberg, Howard Chaykin and Murphy Anderson as Jor-El struggles to perfect the warp-drive engine that he hopes will save the people of Krypton.

BATMAN VS. GOLDEN AGE FOE

A day in the life of Bruce Wayne is rudely interrupted by the return of an old nemesis of the Darknight Detective in "Danger On The Wing" by Len Wein, Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin in BATMAN #315.... When Superman tries to end a ten-century-old outer space war, The Legion of Super-Heroes stops him and forces him to allow the war to continue for thousands more years in "To Live In Peace -- Nevermore" by Paul Levitz, Dick Dillin and Dick Giordano in DC COMICS PRESENTS #13.... With Iris gone, Barry Allen decides to give up being the Scarlet Speedster in "The Self-Destruct Flash" by Cary Bates, Alex Saviuk and Chiaramonte in THE FLASH #277.... DC Managing Editor and former EC artist Joe Orlando provides the cover for GHOSTS #80 featuring three haunting chillers: "Drum Rolls of Death," "The Ghost's Last Request," and "The Winged Specter".... The water level of the oceans begins to drop just as raging fires begin breaking out all over the globe! Cut off from his fellow members of the Justice League who are on trial in World Court, Batman can only watch helplessly from orbit "While A World Lies Burning" in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #170. Gerry Conway scripts, Dick Dillin pencils, and Frank McLaughlin inks.... To save a vital supply dump for the Allies, Gravedigger penetrates enemy lines in Italy. But to accomplish his mission, he must bring the walls tumbling down in "Cry Jericho" by Jack C. Harris, Dick Ayers and Romeo Tanghal in MEN OF WAR #20. Enemy Ace also stars in that issue in a Robert Kanigher-Howard Chaykin tale, "Death Must Wait".... Destiny has some surprises in store for those who think they can cheat fate in SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #16. Chester Humbolt, for example, scoffed at one ancient superstition but learned the hard way to "Beware of 13." Story by Carl Wessler, art by Tenny Henson. Then Al Case and Lee Elias provide a chilling tale of "An Ice-Cold Corpse" and Tom DeFalco and Jess Jodloman reveal another tale from the Cosmic Log in "Water, Water Every Fear!" All this and a Mike Kaluta cover too!

SUPERMAN FAMILY STARS SUPERBOY

"Superboy's Split Personality," in SUPERMAN FAMILY #197, tells the story of the day when one of Clark Kent's teachers told him that Clark was sent here from another planet -- only it isn't Krypton! Who is this teacher and where did he get this idea? Cary Bates, Kurt Schaffenberger and Joe Giella reveal the answers in this issue's lead story. Then Bates, Schaffenberger and Dave Hunt weave a whimsical tale about the adult Clark Kent in "Clark Kent's Mynah Dilemma." Lois Lane investigates the case of "The Daughter Who Came C.O.D.," courtesy of Gerry Conway, Bob Oksner and Vince Colletta. Then Jimmy Olsen's typewriter takes on a life of its own in "The Ghost Writer Riddle" by Conway, Don Heck and Colletta. Finally, Supergirl meets "The Man with the Eternity Hands!" in a 12-page thriller by Jack C. Harris, Don Heck and Joe Giella.... "The Gods Themselves" decide to prove to a stubborn Roman galley captain that they exist in an offbeat story in WEIRD WAR TALES #79. J.M. DeMatteis and Jess Jodloman provide this tale of ancient warfare. Also: "Solo Mission" by Bob Rozakis, Romeo Tanghal and Frank Chiaramonte, and "Spy's House" by Rozakis and Jerry Grandenetti.... Finally, Wonder Woman's bracelets of submission are stolen and the Amazing Amazon loses control in "A Power Gone Mad" by Gerry Conway and Jose Delbo for WONDER WOMAN #259.

SHIPPING INFORMATION

Shipping the week of MAY 15TH for release the week of JUNE 7TH:

ALL-OUT WAR #1
BATMAN #315
BEST OF DC #1
DC COMICS PRESENTS #13
THE FLASH #277
GHOSTS #80
JONAH HEX #28
JONAH HEX WESTERN TALES #1
JUSTICE LEAGUE #170
MEN OF WAR #20
SECRETS OF HAUNTED HOUSE #16
SUPERMAN FAMILY #197
WEIRD WAR TALES #79
WORLD OF KRYPTON #3

Shipping the week of MAY 29TH for release the week of JUNE 21ST:

ACTION COMICS #499
ADVENTURE COMICS #465
BRAVE AND BOLD #154
GREEN LANTERN #120
HOUSE OF MYSTERY #272
SGT. ROCK #332
SUPER FRIENDS #24
SUPERBOY/LEGION #255
SUPERMAN #339
THE UNEXPECTED #193
UNKNOWN SOLDIER #231
WARLORD #25
WEIRD WESTERN TALES #59
WONDER WOMAN #259